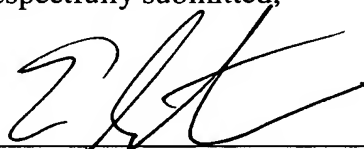


REMARKS

Submitted herewith is a replacement sheet for Figure 1 to correct duplicate use of reference numeral 132 and to secure substantial correspondence with the specification. In Figure 1, reference numeral 132 has been replaced with reference numeral 133.

Applicants request entry of the foregoing preliminary Amendment. Favorable action is respectfully solicited. No new matter has been added.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'E. Sotiriou', written over a horizontal line.

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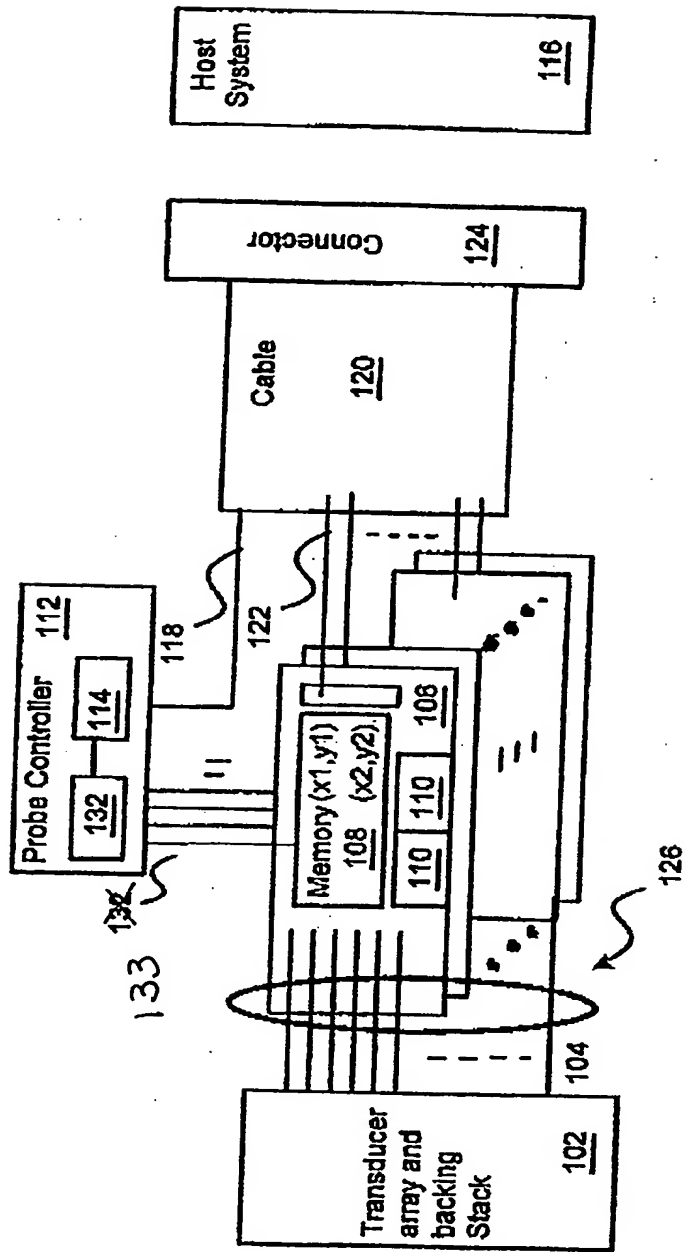


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